



Exchange Hotline



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President Steve Griffith watched the "Sauce Wars" team motivate Exchange members to sell raffle tickets and dinner tickets. Members were also encouraged to bring in items for the silent and live auction.

Photos by Larry Pullen

Spaghetti Cook-off February 17th



President's Message – February 2012

February is, without question, the busiest of the Exchange Months. Our signature fundraiser, **Spaghetti Cook-off is on the 17th**. I think everyone understands the importance of what we do in our community. Our funds support many of the most significant charities Fort Bend County has to offer. Just last week we presented a check in the amount of \$10, 000 to the **Fort Bend Women's Center**. But our funds do so much more than simply give money to charity. For example, our funds support, not only children who fall victims to child abuse, but support a very active education effort designed to prevent child abuse.

This last year, our Exchange Club started a new effort to prevent child abuse among one of our most susceptible segments of our society; those with substance abuse problems. Thanks to the cooperative effort of **Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse** and the **DePelchin Children's Center**, they are now able to begin a new series of classes that help families who have been hit by the tragedies of substance abuse; understand the "triggers" that impact the environment they provide their children. The first year of this new program has received rave reviews from the young parents, (or parents to be), who have participated. Now, DePelchin and Fort Bend Regional Council are working to expand the program beyond the current Stafford campus, taking their valuable training into the Richmond/Rosenberg areas.

None of this effort would have been possible without the hard work that Exchangites put into selling raffle tickets, selling spaghetti tickets, obtaining auction items and helping in the many ways necessary to conduct our successful fundraiser. So as we all tire during this very active month, lets renew our drive and our spirit by remembering the difference we provide to so many people, in so many ways.

Steve Griffith



Roy Miers, Steve Griffith and Mary Jo Salvaggio presented a check for \$2,500 to **Manuela Arroyos** accepting for Fort Bend Seniors Meals on wheels.

Photos by Larry Pullen

**BEAUTIFUL!
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is all I can say about Brenda Kessler's hand made quilt. She did it again this year for our live auction, despite a tough bout with illness this fall. Thanks Brenda, we love you.



Fred Arnold, Minute Maid Director of Community Affairs, spoke about their "Grand Slam for Youth" Baseball Program www.gsfiy.org. Mr. Arnold & Minute Maid gave members free orange juice coupons and donated Astros tickets for our Spaghetti Silent Auction!



Amber Khan, Akhila Kumar and Rukhsar Nalbandh from Dulles High School warned members about the dangers of texting while driving. They are promoting a "No Texting while Driving" campaign.



Katherine Adkison, shown here with her family, was given the Young Citizenship Award. Katherine attends Sugar Land Middle School.

Honoring Outstanding Youth

Ryan Moore was honored as Youth of the Month. Ryan attends Kempner High School.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

C. J.Eaden, MichaelGarrison, Robert Kern, John Hancock, Teri Rowley,
Randy McClendon, Shanna Sturgeon, Betty Baitland, David Kiger,
Jim Richard, Brian Walters, Dana Atkinson



Who knew a Spaghetti Dinner could do so much good?



All proceeds benefit local charitable causes including Fort Bend Crime Stoppers, the Fort Bend Family YMCA, DePelchin Children's Center, Texana Center, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, and many other Fort Bend Non-Profits.



**VOTE FOR
THE BEST SAUCE!**
FROM ONE OF OUR SAUCE TEAM

Exchange Club of Sugar Land

February 17th @ 5pm • Fluor Cafeteria • \$10/person \$15 at door

ENTERTAINMENT • RAFFLE • LIVE AUCTION • SILENT AUCTION • CAKE WALK • KIDS AREA

Presenting Sponsor:



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For tickets or more information visit:
www.ecsl.org/service/spaghetti.htm



*Don't be a left out meatball,
participate today!*